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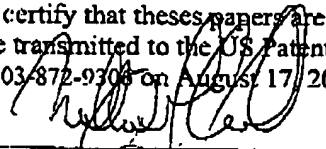
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir,

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 10, 2004, applicants respectfully traverse the requirement.

Even assuming that the two groups of claims identified in the Action are independent and distinct, it is not evident that dividing the claims into two groups is required to avoid undue burden on the Office.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is solicited.

With this traverse, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I. If the restriction requirement is made final, the Examiner is authorized to cancel claims 15-51 (corresponding to Group II) by Examiner's amendment.

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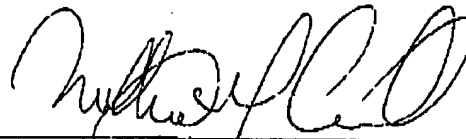
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Attached is Response to Restriction Requirement for the above referenced matter.

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